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APRIL 24th, 1901:

RESOURCES. \$16.395,430.95

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LIABILITIES.

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The Stock Exchange gossips had it to-day that the Rockefeller Interests. W. K. Vanderbilt, James R. Keene and Flower & Co. were all working in harmony on the bull side. Wersening matter was a specially Southern Railway and Readings. There was an apparent scarcity of Atchison in the market, and when large buying orders appeared both the common and preferred were easily advanced. The heaviest huying of the common stock was by Halle & Stieglits, who took about 12,009 shares in the first hour. Boston was also a heavy buyer.

Flower & Co. were again heavy buyers of B. R. Ti. but had nothing to say about the reason for their ourchases except the genera one of comparative lowness of prices and the approach of the summer-excursion season, which is the heaviest time of the sea company's year.

C. B. Q. stocks sold to-day at 1974, while the trust company certificate sold at 1954. This was because the stock carried the 2 per cent dividend, for which the books close on Monday, Richard Kling, the specialist in the stock, stated to-day that Monday will be the last day in which the present stock can be traded in on the exchange, and after that date only the trust company certificates can be traded in. The officers of the trust company stated that absolutely no stock will be received there after Monday.

It was stated to-day by houses handling investment business that corporations that have been out of the market for two or three months have reappeared as buyers since Thursday, and during this week have taken large blocks of stocks for investment.

INFLUENCED BY WEATHER.

NUMBER OF UPS AND DOWNS

TO VARIOUS MARKETS.

Neither Bulls Nor Bears Had Much

the Advantage When They

Finally Closed.

The local speculative grain situation dur-

ing the past week has been as variable as the weather, as indicated by the numerous

reports received by mall and wire, as ex-

isting in the Southwest and West, and which

were the leading influences in shaping the

GRAIN MARKETS WERE

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STOCK MARKET SHOWS SUSTAINED STRENGTH.

PROPERTIES ADVANCE ON

APPARENT MANIPULATION. Atchison and St. Paul the Instru-

ments of the Advance-Bank Statement a Disappointment.

New York, May 18.—To-day's stock mar-ket showed a continuance of the strength developed on Thursday and Friday, and the close was firm, although a trifle under the best of the day. Chicago seemed to be the active agent in the upward movement, and Atchison and St. Paul were the effective instruments. The Gould properties advanced on what looked like inside manipulation. The stock market opened at substantial advances from yesterday's final figures, the trading at large following the same general

lines that prevailed yesterday. Notably firm features of the market in the early dealings, although these stocks also participated in the occasional reactions, were the Eries, Missouri Pacific, Texas and Pacific, Union Pacific, Baltimore and Ohio and Athison shares. In the Industrial list prices in Sugar Refining and the United States Steel stocks. On light transactions the so-called specialties were generally firm. with rather unusually active trading in dated Gas in advance of the declara-

tion of the dividend on the stock. The local traction issues were much more active than they have been in some time, and were generally firm, although likewise participating in the somewhat erratic movements of the general market. None of the more extensive movements referred to was attended by any interesting news or novel gossip. On account of the concentration of interest upon the showing expected of the bank statement, the trading contracted materially as the time approached for the publication of the figures.

The bank statement did not altogether fulfill expectations, inasmuch as actual cash, instead of showing the indicated increase of about \$6,000,000, abowed an actual decrease of \$1,255,000.

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Bank officers agreed in saying that the explanation of the unexpected change in cash was that the heavy receipts of funds from the interior were received too late to cut much figure in the statement.

A particularly sharp advance in National Lead common was a feature of the market and was attended by reports that agrangements of some kind were on foot looking to a close alliance with the American Smelting Company.

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Naturally, the uncertainty surrounding the future course of the market that has prevalled, has had a bad effect upon speculation, and a good part of the time the market has been slow and heavy, with pit operations small, the occasions when life and excitement were shown being few and far between.

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Cables, like the weather, were uncertain, one day showing strength and the next genuine weakness, but as a rule the responses from abroad to our advances were not very encouraging. A better cash business was noted at intervals during the week and especially toward the close, and while the total clearances were not up to expectations, they falling below those of the week before and the corresponding week a year ago, they were very fair, being reported at 3.984,000 bu. against 4,175,000 bu. last week and 5,178,000 bu. last year. Statistically, the conditions were more favorable to selling than buying, but were not as effective as usual, owing to the fact that weather conditions played the leading role. Receipts were fairly large for the season, and the visible supply was reduced but 207,000 bu. which was disappointing. The world's shipments were large and the amount afloat increased nearly 309,000 bu.

Bradstrect's report, from which so much was expected by the longs, decreased only 187,000 bu. In the world's visible, though the available east of the Rockies fell off 1,357,000 bu. Throughout the week there was the usual crop-damage reports from fly and bugs, but these were not regarded much, and had but little influence in shaping the course of the market. The market yesterday was quiet, but fairly well maintained, the bulls having somewhat the best of it, and the final figures showed a loss of only 100 to 100

sting in the Southwest and West, and which were the leading influences in shaping the course pursued by prices of the different grains. In other words, there has been what is known as weather markets all of the past week, they being wholly under influence of weather conditions, being bullishly inclised and moving up on reported dry weather and drought conditions, and then taking the opposite course on advices of rains.

Prices, and especially those of wheat, have see-saided up and downs all through the week, and the general situation as a whole has been more or less of a disappointment to both sides of the account, neither bulls nor bears reaping much benefit, though the close in most instances shows a small balance is favor of the former. Trading was small and mostity of a scalping nature during the week, and tame and unexciting, not to say sluggish, markets were experienced, as but little interest was taken by other than professional room trades.

Neither bulls nor the bears were able to set under the satisfaction out of the wheat situation, which has proven to be a great disappointment to both these interests, owing to its uncertainty. Throughout the week that the change for the better so long expected had arrived, and in the next twenty-four hours the situation would change completely, and such gains as had been made would be wised out in a twinking. This has been the course of the different markets all through the week, and server than professional rough the week that the change for the better so long expected had arrived, and in the next twenty-four hours the situation would change completely, and such gains as had been made would be wised out in a twinking more than a scalping business has resulted.

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DATE OF REVISION DEBATE.

Presbyterians Will Discuss Report Thursday and Friday.

Philadelphia, May 18.—Contrary to expec-tation, the Presbyterian General Assembly did not discuss the report of the Commit-tee on Revision, which was to-day present-ed to the Commissioners. A minority re-port was also laid before the assemblage. The assembly set next Thursday at 10 s.

m. for the hearing and consideration of the report of the special Committee on the Revision of the Confession of Paith. Thursday and Friday have been set aside for the discussion of revision, as it is considered that the debate will consume at least two days' time.

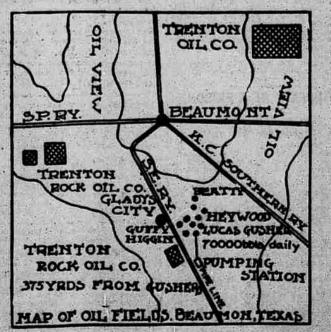
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